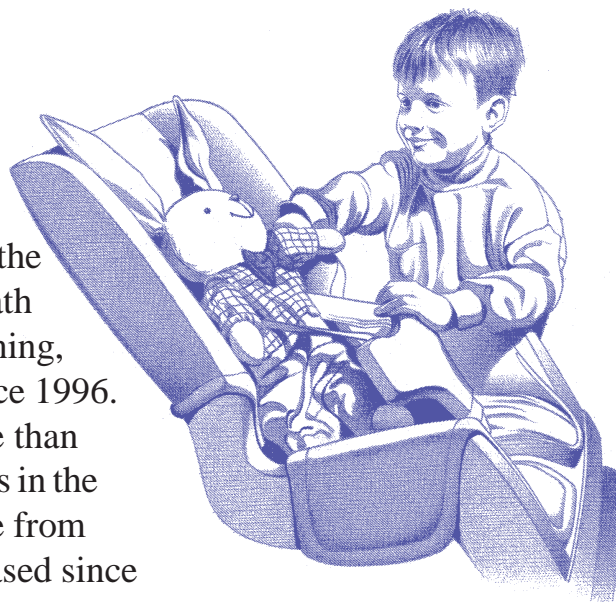


Child Deaths From Injuries

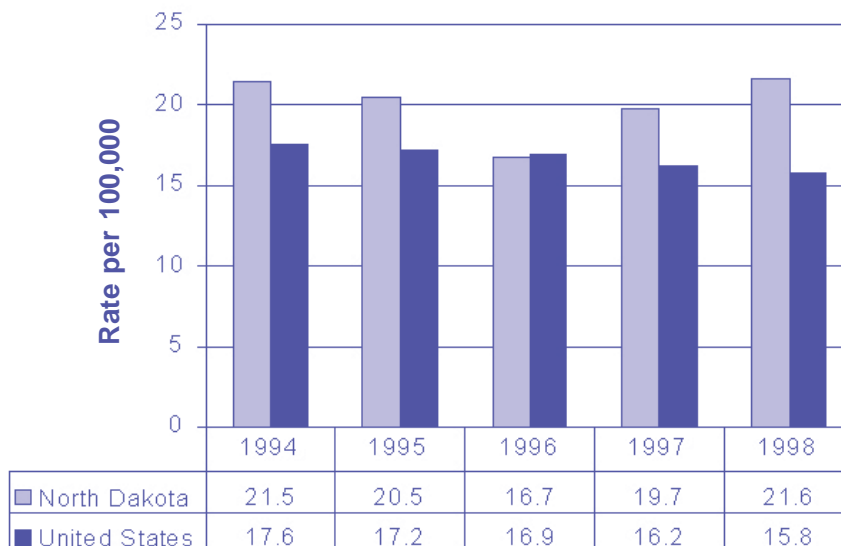
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The Problem

Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death to children ages 1 through 19 in both North Dakota and the United States. Although the national death rate due to unintentional injuries is declining, the North Dakota rate has increased since 1996. Motor vehicle crashes account for more than one-half of all unintentional injury deaths in the state. The North Dakota child death rate from motor vehicle crashes, which has increased since 1995, is higher than the national rate.



Unintentional Injury Death Rate, Children Ages 1 - 19
North Dakota and United States



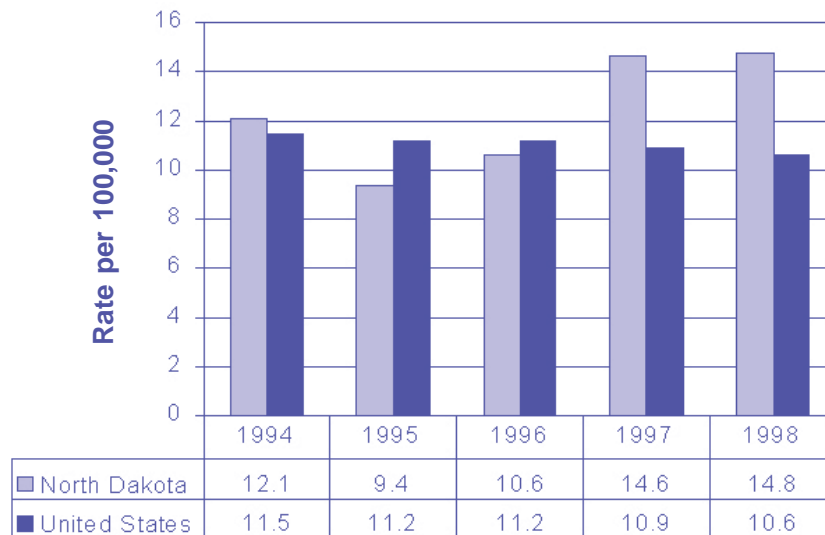
North Dakota Statistics ~ 1994 through 1998

- The unintentional injury death rate for Native American children was about two and one-half times the rate for White children (46.2 to 18.2).
- The state's death rate per 100,000 due to motor vehicle accidents was slightly higher than the rate for the United States overall (12.3 to 11.1).
- The death rate due to motor vehicle accidents for Native American children was nearly double the rate for White children (20.8 to 11.8).

The Effects

- About 35 children ages 1 through 19 die each year in North Dakota due to unintentional injuries. These deaths often are preventable.
- Children ages 10 to 14 and adolescents ages 15 to 19 die from unintentional injuries at a much higher rate than do young children.

**Motor Vehicle Death Rate, Children Ages 1 - 19
North Dakota and United States**



The Response

The North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Maternal and Child Health (MCH), has developed a work plan to address the issue of child fatalities from unintentional injuries. MCH staff will collaborate with other state and local agencies to promote the safety of children and will serve as the state representative for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. MCH also will provide technical assistance, training, data and materials about injury-related topics to local entities and will review childhood fatality information through participation in the North Dakota Child Fatality Review Panel.

Data Sources:

- National Center for Health Statistics
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



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